

BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

Vote Yes on Measure K

After the passage of Measure "O" by San Jose voters in March 2002, and the adoption of the 2004-2005 Capital Budget and 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Program a modified program of fire station relocations and reconstruction to improve performance was developed. Station 24 is suboptimally located in relation to the service demand within the Eastside Communities. Council's adoption of MBA #8 in 2004 approved the relocation of Station 24 and combining it with new Station 36. As part of its station relocation strategy, the fire department has identified a site on the most western portion of Silver Creek Linear Park as an optimal location for fire station 24/36.

Measure K will:

- Strategically locate a fire station that will improve response time performance and capability, thus improving fire suppression and emergency medical service (EMS) delivery.
- The proposed fire station; its designation as a "Safe Place" and "Safe Surrender" location; provision of 24-hour emergency medical staffing; as well as, storage of park maintenance equipment will add to the safety and utility of the park as a community resource .

The department in partnership with Council District 8 Office, City Manager's Office, and Department of Public Works has conducted three community meetings to date to describe the scope of the project and receive community input. This proposal was presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 1, 2006 and endorsed by the Commission.

Measure K is a unique opportunity to improve emergency response service while taking advantage of the use of City owned property as opposed to having to pay market rates for property and/or needing to use the City's eminent domain rights to acquire property.

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